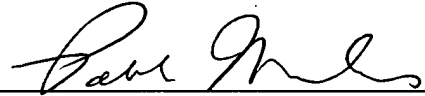


REMARKS

The specification is being amended to include U.S. government rights.
Applicants submit that no new matter is entered by this Preliminary Amendment and respectfully requests entry of the Amendment. No fee is believed due. However, should there be any fees relating to this Amendment, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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Marked-Up Version To Show Changes

On page 1 of the specification, please amend by adding the following below the Title :

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED
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The United States Government has rights to this invention pursuant to Grant No.

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